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Applicant: **Fitzhugh et al.**
Serial No.: **09/865,242**
Filed: **5/25/2001**
Title: **NITRIC OXIDE-RELEASING
METALLIC MEDICAL DEVICES**
Group Art Unit: **1615**
Examiner: **B. Fubara**
Docket No.: **17363.38**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application:

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Small Entity Rate	Add'l. Fee	Standard Rate	Add'l. Fee
TOTAL	18	14	4	x \$9	\$	x \$18	\$72.00
INDEP.	5	3	2	x \$42	\$	x \$84	\$168.00
1st Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				x \$140	\$	x \$280	\$280.00
TOTAL						TOTAL	\$520.00

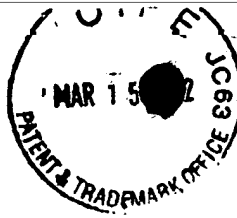
- ☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1901 the amount of \$520.00. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

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In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2001, Applicants respond as follows.

Please cancel claims ~~1-14~~

Please add new claims 15-32

Sub B1 15. (New) A medical device for treating or inhibiting restenosis comprising:

a vascular stent having a surface comprising a lubricious coating wherein nitric oxide- releasing nucleophilic compounds are disposed throughout said lubricious in a three dimensional matrix.

A *2* ~~16~~ 16. (New) The medical device according to claim ~~15~~ wherein said lubricious coating is a hydrogel.

3 ~~17~~ 17. (New) The medical device according to claim ~~16~~ where in said hydrogel comprises acrylic acid derivatives.

18 18. (New) The medical device according to claim ~~15~~ wherein said nitric oxide-releasing nucleophilic compound is comprises a diazeniumdiolate.

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